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When the UN lowered their estimates of the number of people infected with HIV from forty million to thirty-three million, some media reaction seemed resentful, as though the UN had deliberately tried to dupe the world into thinking HIV/AIDS was a bigger problem than it was.

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By Dale Smith



DVD:

Naked Boys Singing! The Movie

Directed by: Robert Schrock & Troy Christian

From: tla Releasing

Running Time: 95 minutes

Release Date: 2007

I'm the first person to admit that musical theatre really does nothing for me. Shocking, I know—and more than one person has threatened to tear up my fag card because of it. So imagine my particular frame of mind when I was presented with *Naked Boys Singing!* I mean, it's more musical theatre, right?

Except that most musical theatre isn't quite so frank about topics like nudity and sexuality—and those are precisely what *Naked Boys Singing!* is in the business of celebrating. With a multi-ethnic cast of ten men stripped to the bare, singing and dancing about all things gay, it certainly challenges more than a few of the conventions of your standard musical fare—especially in an era where most bit musicals are either sanitised versions of movies, or nostalgic trips for hit musicians of the past.

The movie is entirely a filmed version of the stage play, complete with audience, only with multiple cameras and better sound quality. The stage is still pretty sparse, and without elaborate set pieces, but what the film manages to do is to play more with some of the lighting and adding a few special effects here and there to liven up the presentation. Probably the best example is for the song “Robert Mitchum”, an ode to a movie star of days past who wasn't the classic definition of male beauty, where the number was shot in sepia tones and with the kinds of lines and scratches on the film normally found on old reels. (Incidentally, this was also one of the few numbers where the cast was actually fully clothed).

In terms of content, the boys sing about everything from revelling in gratuitous nudity, to naked maids, unrequited crushes, cruising at the gym, loves lost, gay porn, and the agony of high school locker rooms. While the wit and humour is fast and furious, there is an emotional truthfulness that lies at the core of the music, and that is perhaps one of the things that struck me the most. There is no couching of terms or being coy about any of it—it's all laid bare for the audience, much like the boys themselves.

Naked Boys Singing! surprised me in just how much fun and intelligence it possessed in its cheekiness. It was an unexpected treat to watch.

Music:

Derrick Paul Miller *Page One*
(Monopoli Music)

It would be easy to dismiss *Page One* as just another entry into the growing field of “ClassiPop” or “Popera”—but that would be doing a disservice to the music and the genre. Fredericton-born Derrick Paul Miller is a tenor with the Canadian Opera Company, and the strength of his voice will carry you away.

Richly produced with lush orchestral backing, Miller adeptly blends his vocal abilities with the accessibility of the pop genre, and indeed gives gravitas to some of the pop songs. *Page One* contains a mixture of original work with some covers done in Miller's unique way. Songs like Randy Newman's “Feels Like Home”, and “I Just Fall In Love Again”. Original tracks include the album's title track and “Birch Bark Canoe”, both written by fellow Canadian Jeff Straker.

Miller also draws on his Maritime roots by taking on such Celtic selections as “Carrick Fergus”, “With the Memory of You”, and “The Parting Glass”. Each song is stripped down to their melodic cores, and the focus rests on Miller's voice rather than a traditional musical arrangement, which could overpower a lesser voice. Some of those traditional songs have never been better updated nor had such power in understatement.

Probably the most standout track on the album is “You Needed Me”, a duet that Miller performs with Canadian soprano superstar Measha Brueggergosman. The pair just blow the song out of the water. The power of their two voices together is an amazing experience to behold, and one can only imagine how it must look performed live. This is definitely a highlight that needs to be heard to be believed. Overall, *Page One* is the perfect disc for a quiet night in, preferably with someone special and a few candles lit, or before a roaring fire. ▼



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8 Simple Rules...for Surviving '08

By Josh Murray

It's not comforting to realize one can learn valuable life lessons from Paris Hilton but, as a new year dawns, it appears to be just so true.

Hit the gym. Kick the nic. Spend quality time with your mother. People make a lot of promises on December 31. Given that many of those hopeful pledges are voiced after the consumption of a few bubbly cocktails, it's not surprising that ninety per cent fail resoundingly within the first two weeks. Bolster your chances in 2008 with a thorough examination of the many celeb-blunders of the past twelve months. Become a better person—or at least a better party guest—by governing your life with eight simple rules, gleaned from a rocky ride in 2007...

1. Hire a Driver

Drink? Don't drive. Period. If you can afford that fourth beer, you can certainly afford a cab. This fact is just dawning on Keifer Sutherland. Even if your photogenic smile is adored by your mother, she won't care much for your mugshot. Lindsay Lohan probably didn't frame hers for dear ol' Dina. Still in need of a sobering reality? Saunter up to the bar a fifth time and you can saunter off the empty calories—with a long walk home. Plus, no officer of the law wants to be referred to as "sugar tits." Even by Mel Gibson.

2. Stop Heralding the Sex Tape Star

Local news organizations reported that on the June day on which Paris Hilton was released from jail, a clear-headed panhandler in West Hollywood had far more sense than the rest of the world. "Stop Caring About Paris!" his cardboard sign read, held proudly aloft in the middle of a traffic median. Like party girl Kim Kardashian and fallen *Saved by the Bell* nerd Dustin Diamond, Hilton possesses an amateur porn-based celebrity that is a sign of a society gone mad. Let's face it, Nicole Richie's quick wit and scathing sarcasm were the real reasons to watch *The Simple Life*—and after her Oprah-aided confession of drug use behind-the-scenes, even that should have been a turn-off.

3. Boast a Little More

Travel south of the border and engage an American in talk of Canada. If Michael Moore's 2007 summer docu-hit *Sicko* is any indication, it should be a real treat. See if they know gay marriage is not only legal but actually equal up north. Ask how much an emergency room visit costs and compare figures. Tell them what your college education really set you back—about \$18,000.

4. Support Your Country(wo)men Abroad

Watch *Grey's Anatomy* and marvel at Sandra Oh. Her spot-on portrayal of acerbic confidante Christina Yang is one of television's most memorable—and oft-quoted—characters.

Venture out to see Rachel McAdams in *Married Life*. Touted as one of the "8 To Watch in '08" by *Entertainment Weekly*, the underrated *Mean Girls* star is about to become yet another successful acting export.

Snag a ticket to see Céline. Sure, she's a caricature of herself when she hops around feigning a guitar riff but the woman is the perfect Canadian: brilliantly talented while endearingly human.

Clear some space on your iPod for the new Shania Twain disc that drops late in the year. Spring also ushers in new work from Alanis Morissette.

5. Wear Underwear

They may be restrictive at times. They can bunch and pull and even create unsightly lines. But, doggone it, if your mother wasn't right. When that ambulance rolls up after the emergency has hit, you'll be thankful for a fresh pair. Plus, you'll never have to worry about your old chemistry teacher knowing whether you

prefer to wax or go au naturel. Britney Spears' high school reunion will not be any fun at all.

6. Rehab Isn't Just For Quitters

Rehab is not a photo op—even if the wittiest among us could caption a few famous pics in an entertaining manner. Seeking help and reaching out to others is a difficult task, but sometimes it's a matter of life and death. For example, if your children are ordered out of your custody, you loudly blame the world's problems on one particular religious group or you park on top of shrubbery after at night at Les Deux, you should most likely consider a Google search for your nearest AA.

7. F-Word, N-Word, Dumb Word

Michael Richards and Dog the Bounty Hunter each learned a lesson this year. We'd like to think Ann Coulter did too—but we somehow doubt it. Disparaging comments about one's race or sexual orientation are not witty, comic, or even remotely entertaining. Using a slur will get you nowhere fast—except maybe on Larry King.

8. Reuniting Feels So Good

The Spice Girls are no Supremes. The girl group's reunion, much like their initial career, was clearly manufactured and heavily marketed—and yet it still swept devotees up in a frenzy of ticket-buying mania. In 2008, call up an old friend and get reacquainted—and then charge others \$125 to listen in.

Making your own mistakes is always more painful than learning from those of others. As 2008 dawns, increase the rather slim chance of achieving a successful resolution by looking to the stars. Experts recommend setting realistic goals, viewing setbacks as challenges, and talking openly about your aspirations. But allowing Paris to stumble just a tad so that you can learn how to avoid a similar fate makes everything so much easier.

Now that's hot. ▼

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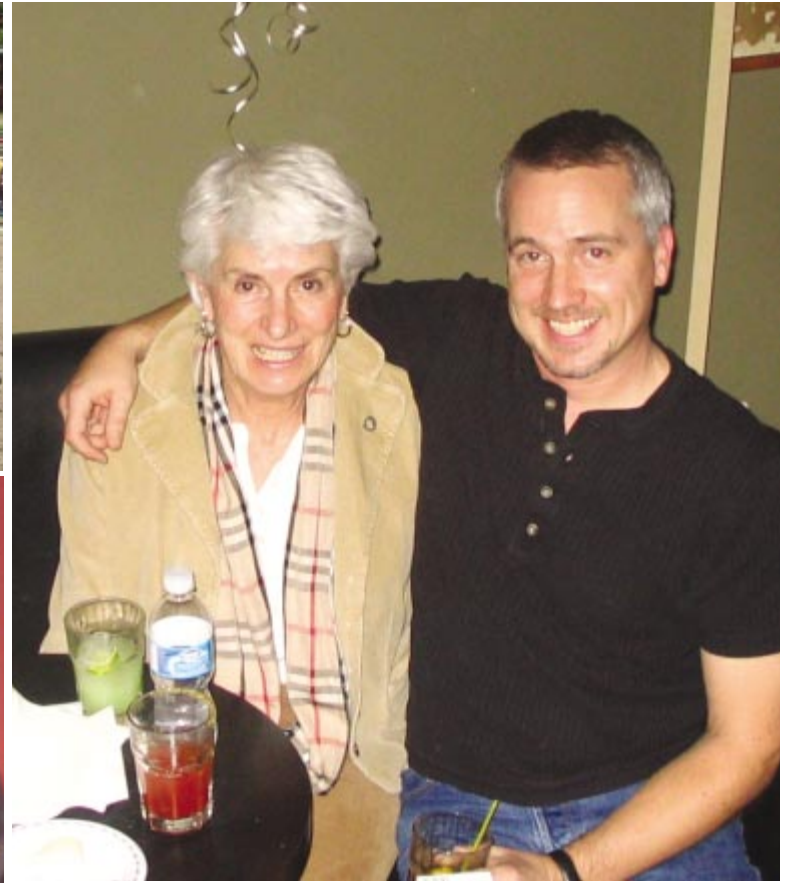
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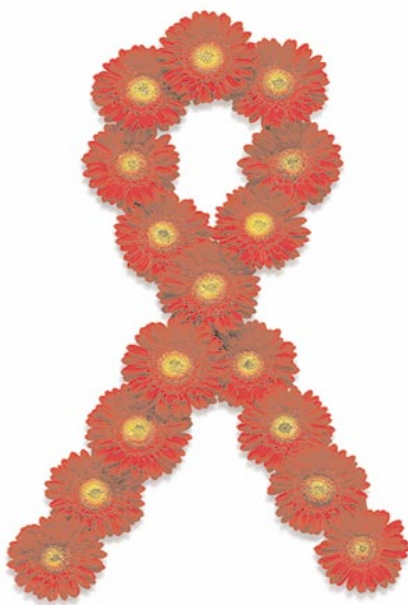
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CANFAR—

Ending Aids Through Research

By Doug Ross

Even though a bitterly cold wind blew along Toronto's infamous mink mile—the “glamourazzi” who dedicate themselves to some very serious fundraising while also indulging in some very serious fun—came out in force recently to participate in the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research Eleventh annual “Bloor Street Entertains” gala event that was co-chaired by the Hon. Belinda Stronach and Salah Bachir, Vice-Chair for CANFAR's board of directors.

For that memorable evening, some of our city's chic-est retailers and trendiest designer boutiques, along with two museums, were magically transformed into exquisitely decorated dining rooms so they could play host to a variety of intimate black-tie dinners featuring uniquely delectable menus provided by twenty-three of our city's most celebrated chefs—for a mere \$600 per plate! No, unfortunately I did not sit down to eat. But since I was allowed to eyeball almost a dozen of those gorgeously decorated, exclusive dining venues—more on them in a minute—I'm certainly not complaining.

That fabulous evening also marked CANFAR's twentieth anniversary of raising awareness and private funds for research concerning all aspects of HIV/AIDS. In fact, CANFAR is the only organization within Canada that operates for the sole purpose of funding HIV/AIDS research. And thanks to their successful efforts at generating those much needed funds, CANFAR proudly finances institution-based AIDS researchers at educational, hospital and health facilities, research institutes, and established community service organizations throughout our country.

“Tonight's gala will assist CANFAR in its front-line efforts to fund crucial research related to the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS,” said the very charming Belinda Stronach, “and we applaud the many individuals who are doing their part to help in the ongoing fight to end AIDS.”

“When we started CANFAR twenty years ago, we had no idea that we'd still be going strong two decades later. And in all honesty, I wish we weren't because I wish we didn't have to be,” comments flamboyant philanthropist Salah Bachir, “but since there is still so much work to be done, the funds we raise at tonight's outstanding event will bring us that much closer to ending AIDS through research.”

Now it's time to give some well-deserved credit to a sampling of that gala's generous sponsors, because it's thanks to those gracious companies—many of whom have been participating in this event since its inception—and their dedication to making a positive difference that has enabled CANFAR to provide more than fourteen million dollars thus far to HIV/AIDS research projects.

My first stop was Birks [jewelers] where the seasonal vibe was sumptuous and welcoming. Then to the Panorama Lounge where the crystal decorations sparked brightly fifty-one storeys above our city's twinkling lights. Swarovski was “swelegance” personified with their huge blood red roses and matching peony centerpieces; while Holt Renfrew's “white theme” did double duty, celebrating CANFAR's Twentieth anniversary along with the House of Dior's Fiftieth anniversary.

Then to Harry Rosen's where, amid the masculine mahogany décor, the personable and attractive Belinda Stronach shared the comment, “I am grateful to be able to co-chair this incredibly worthwhile cause. All that can be done to fund research to find a long term solution to this horrible pandemic that's killed so many is what CANFAR represents. I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of the enthusiastic volunteers.”

Then I checked out Roots, which looked casual and natural with plenty of pinecones and greenery, while the huge white peonies at Tiffany were the perfect complement to their signature turquoise-colored table accents. The beautifully scented ESACADA shop featured stunning models in designer frocks vamping up a storm in the AIDSBEAT fashion show; while the final location I could squeeze into my schedule was Cartier, whose elegant tables were richly decorated in burgundy.

So that's the good news.

And now for the bad news! Unfortunately, that ultra-chic evening did not go off flawlessly, since a very serious bomb threat took place at the Royal Ontario Museum—the designated venue for the night's spectacular late-night party and silent auction at which approximately one thousand swanky guests were expected. But instead, as those unsuspecting guests were still enjoying their private dinners, the emergency bomb squad arrived in full force, snarling our city's vehicular and pedestrian traffic for four very tense hours. Fortunately, safety prevailed and the situation was eventually determined to be a hoax, which thankfully was not perpetrated by an anti-gay hate group, as some initially had feared. Apparently the cause was actually a misguided art project by a local student who has since been suspended from the Ontario College of Art and Design for non-academic mischief. Additionally, the Toronto Police Service charged him with common nuisance and with mischief interfering with property.

Luckily, all was not lost. CANFAR immediately announced that their cancelled party would be re-scheduled for later in the month, and all of the corporate sponsors kindly promised to honour their pledges to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars!

That's the best news of all, since nearly forty million men, women and children throughout the world currently live with HIV/AIDS. While in Canada alone, an alarming twenty-nine per cent of newly infected people are under the age of thirty! A recently completed research study conducted by York University found that young women aged thirteen to eighteen are at increased risk via “straight” sexual activity. Whether that startling find is a result of risky behaviour or a lack of accessible, accurate information, it's a very clear reminder that now is not the time to become complacent.

As Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty recently stated, “AIDS is a formidable foe, but hope is even stronger.” So let's display our gratitude and thank CANFAR for their research—and their hope. Amen. ▼

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By Sean McLennan

When the UN lowered their estimates of the number of people infected with HIV from forty million to thirty-three million, some media reaction seemed resentful, as though the UN had deliberately tried to dupe the world into thinking HIV/AIDS was a bigger problem than it was. They seemed to say, “Well, if we knew it was only thirty-three million we wouldn’t have wasted all that effort and money!” In fact, it’s good news for a change—although it should bring little comfort. We have not significantly altered the rate at which the virus spreads and like the populations it infects. The prevalence of HIV grows exponentially. Our overestimation doesn’t buy much time. Not to mention that thirty-three million is still a staggeringly large number—it’s the population of Canada!

Worldwide, the majority of HIV-infected individuals are between fifteen and thirty years of age, meaning that it is the world’s youth that are most at risk. That’s just one fact that makes HIV different than the other big killers like cancer or heart disease, which impact much older people. If it’s true that “youth are our tomorrow”, we’ve got some challenges coming up.

Many youth have seen their own futures and aren’t satisfied with what it has to offer; it’s heartening to see that they are mobilizing themselves to face the challenge of HIV: grass roots youth-organized, youth-targeted action groups are popping up all over. In the spring of 2006, in anticipation of AIDS 2006, the international HIV/AIDS conference held in Toronto in August, the United Nations Association of Canada sponsored a number of youth forums across Canada. At least one of those forums—the one held in Calgary—inspired a number of young people to carry on the torch. “Youth Everywhere Against HIV Now!”—YEAH Now!—was formed as the Youth Working Group of the Calgary Coalition against HIV/AIDS. Part of their mandate is to make the Youth Forum on HIV/AIDS a regular event; to that end, the second Calgary Youth Forum on HIV/AIDS was held on November 30 and December 1 last year, coinciding with World AIDS Day.

YEAH Now! took a novel approach to this forum; they focused on trying to reach youth indirectly, through members of their own community. The intent was to empower individuals through information and creative skills to speak to their own peers, through their own media, about HIV/AIDS. If we’ve learned one thing from modern advertising it’s that a message needs to be tailored to the audience; who better to create and deliver that message than passionate individuals who have intimate first-hand knowledge through membership in their own target group?

YEAH Now! has identified five primary target groups of youth: High School Youth, Post Secondary Youth, Aboriginal Youth, Immigrant Youth, and Street Youth. They believe that these populations relate to the HIV pandemic differently. Therefore, there are differences in how the issue should be addressed within these communities and need to be considered in order for any awareness or action campaign to be successful. Participants were encouraged to keep within the mindset of their target groups throughout the weekend and to think critically about how to they might respond to various media and messages.

The bulk of the forum was comprised of two sets of workshops. The first round was informational, discussing the relationship between HIV and various social factors: HIV and gender, HIV in the developing world and HIV on the street. The second round involved hands-on and creative work, passing on specific skills in a variety of media: stencil making, ‘zine publishing, letter writing, and parfleche (an aboriginal art using animal skins). By the end of Saturday, World AIDS Day, the participants had completed an impressive collection of action pieces crying a call to arms against HIV/AIDS.

The forum culminated in brainstorming of specific actions that could be taken to reach out to youth in the Calgary community. This points to YEAH Now!’s

primary mandate, which is to support youth in the community in taking their own actions; whether they be publications or events, one-time or ongoing. Events like the Youth Forum on HIV/AIDS are most likely preaching to the choir—real change happens when the “converted” interact with their peers in the overlapping spheres of social structure that determine culture, belief and practices.

Another unique characteristic of the HIV pandemic becomes apparent when examining the phenomenon these youth-organized actions represent—that is, the unusual impact that culture, belief and behaviour have on the spread of the disease. Youth might come together to raise awareness for a cause like breast cancer or autism in order to raise money, but they are not generally out to solve the problem itself. Fundamentally, HIV is not easily spread—it does not live outside the body for very long and even when exposed, the odds that an infection will occur are relatively small. The odds of contracting the virus can be made practically negligible with some trivial tools and changes in behaviour. HIV—arguably one of the worst epidemics to face humanity—could be halted in its tracks purely by collective will. How many diseases is it possible to say that about? HIV is possibly the first contagion that exploits culture to spread; it is only by virtue of the stigma that we place on HIV’s primary avenues of transmission—sex, and drug use—and our unwillingness to openly discuss them that HIV is allowed to perpetuate.

Which brings us back to the extraordinary impact organizations like YEAH Now! and the Youth Forum on HIV/AIDS can have. Only a relative handful of experts with years of experience and sophisticated knowledge can make significant progress in preventing cancer; but in a complete reversal of circumstance, a comparatively minuscule amount of knowledge in the minds of billions would be all the progress we need to stop HIV. That is, as long as that knowledge translates to action; combating culture is where the real struggle is. And here again, our hope lies with youth and groups like YEAH Now!—as they grow into middle age and have children of their own, hopefully their attitudes will drive the evolution of cultures immune to HIV.

Combating HIV is easy and something in which we all should actively take part. It doesn’t have to require a lot of money, time, or effort. Minimally:

1. Protect yourself. Use condoms. Don’t share needles. Get tested and ask for help when you need it.
- If you’re comfortable that you’ve fulfilled step 1, maybe consider taking another:
2. Educate yourself. Make sure you have your facts straight and challenge how you feel about people infected with HIV. Do a web search and get an idea of what information is out there.
3. Talk positively about sex, drugs, and HIV with your family and friends; challenge the stigmas and misinformation that you encounter.
4. Contribute (time or money) to your local HIV/AIDS service organizations.
5. Contribute (time or money) to a national or international organization fighting HIV/AIDS globally.
6. Write a letter to your [political] representative.

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For more information about YEAH Now! visit yeahnow.org. ▼

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By Jason Krell

If you spend much time in Calgary's off-leash dog parks you've probably spotted Sherri Olsen and her Labradoodle/Retriever cross, Bear. Sherri is the one with the remarkably well-behaved dog, that always returns when he's called, and is wearing a COOLdog tag (Bear that is, not Sherri).

Sherri didn't luck out with a perfectly bred pup, rather she developed an easy to follow, four-step training method and wrote *COOLdog: A Guide to Safe Off-Leash Fun*, designed to make off-leash time enjoyable and safe for dog and owner.

"I have such a desire for dogs to have fun and play safely," Sherri says. She hopes that the COOLdog method will one day transform off-leash parks across North America. "Time at the dog park should be fun and a great way to meet people, but that can't happen when you're worried your dog will run away and get in trouble."

In addition to the valuable training techniques, each book comes with a complimentary dog tag so that dogs versed in COOLdog methods are easy to spot and are presumably approachable (and perhaps a conversation-starter when spotting cute dog owners).

Sherri, a life coach for the last seventeen years, says that it's often the owners' inconsistent actions that get in the way of raising a well-trained dog. "Some folks have the mistaken perception that training their dogs will get in the way of the relationship between them; dogs actually thrive on boundaries and leadership."

Sherri's methods focus on positive reinforcement and don't rely on persistent treat rewarding. "I have seen far too many treat-trained dogs decide they would rather do something naughty and forgo the treat." She believes that dogs are motivated by praise, thinking for themselves, and following their natural instincts to obey their leader.

Whether your dog is new or new to you, Sherri says that her methods are easy to follow and effective. Don't believe it? Here are a few free pointers to try to make your pooch a COOLdog.

- The first two weeks with your pup/dog are critical. Begin umbilical training in the house to establish a bond between you.

- Be silent for the first seven days—perhaps the hardest part of the program, but very important. Canine language is body language. This begins the process of establishing leadership and your dog watching you; which is very important when you go to the off-leash park.

- Begin training right away. In the first week, use non-verbal training techniques.

- Always use a positive tone of voice when using recall commands. What dog wants to run towards their cranky owner?

- Socialize your dog, socialize your dog, socialize your dog. Expose them to as many different situations, people and dogs possible.

- When your dog is friendly, and working on the six COOLdog commands, put on their dog tag that tells others you and your dog are cool.

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BUENOS AIRES

European Gay Style With Latin Flair

By Roy Heale

A warm and gentle climate coupled with the Spanish influence has made Buenos Aires the hottest destination in South America for gay vacationers seeking a genuine Latin experience—from Tango dancing and historic architecture to elegant dining and vibrant nightlife. The city's original European settlers came mostly in the nineteenth century from Spain, Germany, France, Italy, and the United Kingdom. Exploring Buenos Aires, you will sense a sort of déjà vu of Europe while you explore the splendid boulevards, classic architecture, plazas everywhere, extensive parks, and ever-changing style of Argentina's stunning capital city. You will quickly understand why this city is known as 'The Paris of South America', populated by sophisticated Porteños, as the local residents are known.

Buenos Aires is the gateway to Argentina, and whether you are vacationing in the city or heading for the magnificent water falls at Iguazu, wine-tasting in the Mendoza vineyards, skiing at Bariloche, whale-watching at the Peninsula Valdes, glacier walking at Perito Moreno, or boarding a gay cruise ship, your time in Argentina is certain to be memorable.

Perhaps one of Argentina's most valuable tourist attractions is the low cost of living and shopping bargains to be found here. If a bottle of good wine or a litre of beer for two dollars sounds appealing, then you will also be pleased to rent a cozy vacation apartment for just under two hundred and forty dollars per week. Even gourmet restaurant dining is affordable when a three-course dinner with wine can readily be enjoyed for less than twenty dollars Canadian per person. During my travels in 2007, I have found this certainly to be the vacation bargain of the year.

Although there is no gay village in Buenos Aires, the community is spread throughout the centre of town. The districts of Recoleta, Palermo and San Telmo are very gay and the local bars, restaurants and clubs are found mostly in these areas. People sometimes refer to the gay Barrio Norte district—which isn't actually a district but includes parts of Recoleta and Palermo. However, many gay places are within a relatively short walk or inexpensive taxi ride of each other. These districts of Buenos Aires are some of the safest zones of any major city in South America and visitors should feel secure walking around day or night—however, sensible precautions should never be abandoned.

Sidewalk cafes, Argentinean beef grill-restaurants—renowned for the best beef in the world—and cheap shopping make this a wondrous gay destination. In 2002, same-sex civil unions were legalized in Argentina and the legal age of consent is sixteen. Over the last two years the city has become well known for its liberal attitude to gay life so that it has become one of the new choices for gay holidays. Buenos Aires now has over sixty gay discos, restaurants, cafes, bars, hotels, saunas, movie theaters, and possibly the best-looking Latin men you will see anywhere.

The gay scene in Buenos Aires, in common with other cities in South America, starts very late. Apart from one bar (Flux) and the cruising bars and movie theaters, nothing really starts until around midnight. Very few people arrive at discos until 2:00 AM, but then the discos quickly fill to capacity and line-ups occur, particularly on Saturdays. The principal discos and bars mostly operate from Thursday to Sunday, but there are show bars with comedy drag and strippers open seven nights a week. Most of the cruising bars, cinemas and saunas are open seven days a week, with some being open twenty-four hours throughout the weekend.

Renting an apartment for your stay in the city will make you feel like a Porteño soon after you arrive in town. The convenience of having a well-stocked kitchen and being in a residential neighbourhood rather than a tourist zone will prove to be very beneficial. In the gay Recoleta district ba4u apartments offers a choice of thirty-five different luxury suites for rent daily, weekly or for extended stays. Each unit is modern, tastefully furnished with a contemporary bathroom and kitchen, plus daily maid service. All this priced from

approximately forty Canadian dollars per night with discounts based on the length of stay. The friendly English-speaking gay staff at ba4u apartments can arrange for airport transfers at a reasonable cost, provide you with local information, gay maps, and any assistance to make your stay in Buenos Aires the perfect holiday. This is one of the best gay vacation destination service companies in South America, and is highly recommended to ensure your vacation plans are hassle free.

The city occupies two hundred and two square kilometers with approximately three million residents and comprises a multitude of attractions. A tour guide is essential to find your way around initially. Local guides the "2 Porteños" will make sure you have fun in Buenos Aires and help you to explore this incredible city with ease. They speak fluent English. Their GLBT tours are custom designed to suit your requirements in duration, price and venues. They can plan a Gay Gaucho (cowboy) Night in the country, a walking tour, a sailing day, a visit to the Tigre Delta Islands, Tango B'Tween Boys, B.A. From The Air and, of course, a shopping trip to take advantage of those incredible bargains—like leather shoes for under twenty dollars! Gustavo and Mariano—the 2 Portenos—offer unique activities at a reasonable price, personal recommendations and assistance to make your stay an unforgettable, safe, and enjoyable time.

Traditions abound in Argentina and the Asado traditional beef entrée must be enjoyed at a grill restaurant where this dish is served. Dinner is always late—hardly ever before 10:00 PM, which is probably why the bars and clubs don't get going until after midnight but rave until 7AM!

Sharing Mate is a custom symbolizing courtesy and friendship whereby friends drink an infusion of hot



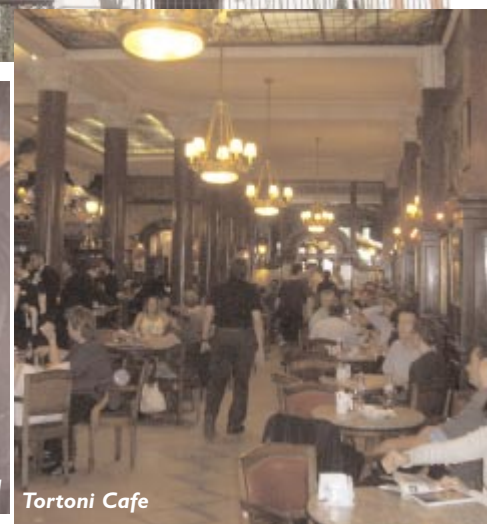
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Madonna's home-away-from-home



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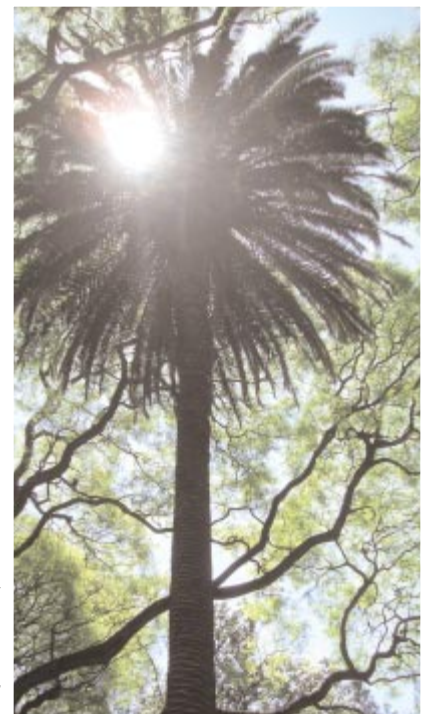
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La Boca



Congreso de la Nación



Tango street performers



Guide Gustavo at Casa Rosada

water and yerba mate—a sort of herbal tea—from a container also called a mate and sipped through a bombilla tube. The usual greeting between same-gender or different-gender people is a kiss on the cheek, which is so gay, especially when followed by an embrace. These Argentinean customs soon become a way of life as you settle into this gay-friendly South American culture.

Finding your way around the city is easy with the buses—called colectivos—which run around the clock and the subterranean—underground trains—connecting the city with five different lines. Taxis are also extremely cheap and easy to find on the major streets or by telephone reservation. Of course, walking around the city is most pleasant but due to the size of Buenos Aires a ride from one district to another is often required. The *Buenos Aires Day and Night* guide and the *BSAS Gay Map* are excellent sources of local information and detailed maps to find your way to most of the local attractions. Even if you spend the whole vacation discovering the city, there will still be more places to go and see the next time you visit this amazing city—and there most surely will be a next time!

Although there are too many attractions to mention in one travel story, there are a few worthy of note. The area or barrio known as La Boca is the original old port of the city dating back to the 1500s with early settlers from the Italian city of Genoa. This area is renowned for its colourful houses and main street—the Caminito—and many other attractions including the La Ribera theatre, many Tango clubs and Italian Taverns, as well as La Bombonera, home of the famous football team the Boca Juniors.

The Plaza de Mayo in downtown is a beautiful park surrounded by the Casa Rosada—original seat of the national government and now the office of the President of Argentina—the Buenos

Aires City Hall, the House of Culture, the Cabildo and the Cathedral. This is the most historic part of the city and every gay person remembers Madonna portraying Evita on the balcony of the Casa Rosada—don't they? There's also the Museo Evita in Palermo where you can learn more about the fascinating life of Argentina's most famous female, Eva Duarte de Perón.

From the Plaza de Mayo a long walk down the Avenida de Mayo is rewarded with hotels from the beginning of the twentieth century, many cafés including the Tortoni Art Nouveau Café—the city's first confitería (confectionery), established in 1858—where important artists gathered and theatres like the Avenida. At the end of this stroll through history is the magnificent Congreso de la Nación, the home of the Chamber of Representatives and Senators of Argentina.

The district of San Telmo is the new up and coming gay neighbourhood where older homes are being renovated and antique stores abound. At its heart is the Plaza Dorrego with some of the city's oldest architecture and sidewalk cafés, and home to the largest

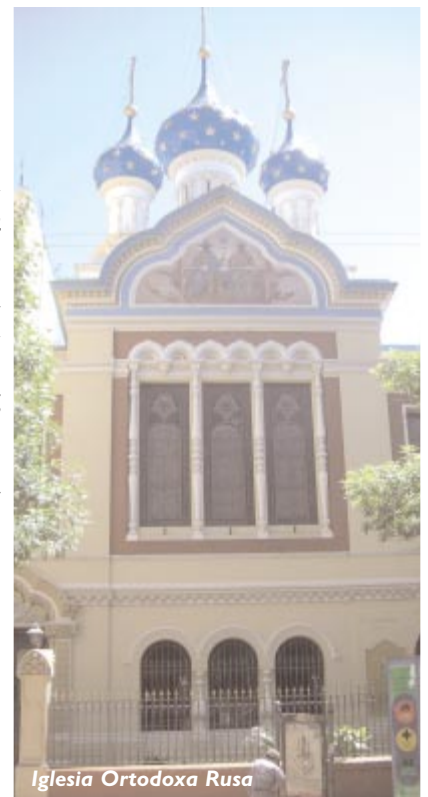
antique market on Sundays. Nearby is the Iglesia Ortodoxa Rusa in front of the Lezama Park. This example of magnificent seventeenth-century Russian Muscovite architecture is one of the city's most distinctive buildings. Close to this, you can also find the magnificent mansion that Madonna rented as her home-away-from-home during the four months of filming *Evita*.

Perhaps the gayest district of all is Recoleta where you will find gourmet restaurants, exquisite parks and plazas, the Cementerio de la Recoleta—where Eva Perón is interred—and where many famous Argentineans are laid to rest. Also here, the Basilica Nuestra Señora del Pilar and the Buenos Aires Design Centre are adjacent to the Plaza Francia where every Saturday and Sunday the largest outdoor crafts fair is held. This festive event is also a place where you can enjoy some of Argentina's culture with outdoor performers of the tango, jugglers, acrobats, clowns, traditional dancers and more providing top-notch busker style entertainment.

Like so many major cities, Buenos Aires has some of the most beautiful inner city parks for urbanites to enjoy. The largest of which is the Bosques de Palermo—Palermo Woods—with three artificial lakes offering paddleboats and hydro cycles for exploring the waters and parkland. Among the trees and paths are the Rosedal—Rose Garden—the Zoo Garden, Botanical Garden, Galileo Planetarium and the famous Japanese Garden. Throughout Buenos Aires the trees seem to be greener than any you have ever seen, and the flowers brighter than anywhere in the world. This is especially true in the Springtime—November in Buenos Aires—when the city is the most vibrant you could experience anywhere in your travels.

So, put on your dancing shoes for a gay tango lesson, prepare for a sophisticated Latin culture, have your pink dollars or plastic ready for severe action and head to the gay Paris of South America—gay Buenos Aires. It will be a vacation full of memories and well worth the long journey to experience this vibrant culture. Oh, and did I mention the cheap Botox treatments and “Nip ‘n’ Tuck” surgery?

Brush up on your Spanish and make it a refreshing winter holiday and arrive home truly rejuvenated—both inside and out. ▼



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By Ryan Spring

Around this time of year, you're always hearing about New Year's fitness routines, resolutions, holiday calorie-burning plans and more. These are all important aspirations now and throughout the year. But, (pun intended), let's face it; the butt is one of our biggest concerns. Well, it truly is one of our biggest assets and it's the muscle you sit on every single day. I'm talking about your gluteus maximus. AKA your arse, behind, booty, buns, caboose, derriere, fanny, keyster, rump, tush, wazoo. So, I thought this would be a great opportunity to go outside the box and tackle something new for 2008—your booty.

Everyone has their own vision of an ideal ass (and I don't mean your ex) from bubble butts to rock-hard muscle butts and everything in between. One thing many of us have in common besides having a butt is the desire to tone and shape our butt in order to attract others and strengthen our confidence both in and out of our Levis. Believe it or not, it isn't as hard as you might think to tone the butt; we use it every day for almost every move we make. Now all we have to do is motivate ourselves to include a butt workout in our new year's resolutions and for a refreshed and revived fitness routine.

The gluteus maximus is the largest muscle in your body. There are two other gluteal muscles called the gluteus medius and gluteus minimus which combine with the gluteus maximus to form your buttocks. The main function of our butt is to allow us to sit upright without using our feet or hands like many other mammals.

Your genetics play a key role in determining whether you have a small, medium or large butt. So while you should be proud of what you have, keep in mind that toning and strengthening the buns will not only maximize what we've been naturally given, but can also improve one's self esteem.

The glutes consist of skin, muscle and fat. Therefore, to strengthen and/or build our buns, we have to work on the muscle portion and do some cardio activity to reduce the fat portion. Once you start targeting your glutes, you'll see results fairly quickly. There are a number of excellent exercises for this region of the body including all kinds of creative machines at the gym. Other beneficial exercises include step-ups or squats. You'll also find step machines are excellent for building the glutes as well as reducing fat.

Squats produce some of the best results for the hips, thighs and of course the butt. There are many different types of squats including barbell squats, ball squats, the chair squat and the dumbbell squat. In order to do a squat properly you need to start with your feet shoulder-width apart, facing slightly outward and ensuring they never face directly forward. The simple movement of sitting down and standing back up mimics the same body movements as a squat.

The chair squat is excellent for beginners. Stand with feet hip-width apart and squat, keeping your back straight, abs in and knees behind your toes. Let your butt lightly touch the chair and squeeze your butt to stand up. This simple and effective exercise can also be performed using a dumbbell in each hand to increase the intensity.

For dumbbell squats, stand with your feet about shoulder-width apart and grab a dumbbell in each hand with your arms hanging down at your sides. Begin by squatting as though you are going to sit down in a chair (as in the last description), however, this time without the help of the chair. Return to the start position and repeat. Make sure to keep your back firmly upright and straight throughout this exercise. This will be more difficult than having the chair to moderate your squat. The ball squat is another excellent squat and relatively easy. Stand with feet about hip or shoulder-width apart, feet facing out slightly and place an exercise ball behind your lower back and against a wall for support. Again, you may or may not choose to hold weights at your sides. Bend the knees and lower into a squat, keeping the knees in line with your toes. Roll down as far as you can without going lower than ninety degrees and then push upwards using your heels to go back to starting position.

Finally, the barbell squats. These are more difficult requiring more effort from the tush. I would suggest having someone to spot you. The barbell can be taken from the rack with or without weights. I suggest starting with the weight of the barbell itself and increase as you feel necessary. Stand with your feet hip or shoulder-width apart. Place the barbell just above the shoulders resting across the trapezius muscles it's best with a bar cushion. Bend the knees and lower into a squat. Stop when your knees are at ninety-degree angles and don't let them go over your toes. Furthermore, do not lose the natural arch to your back. Contract the glutes and legs while stabilizing your body with the torso slowly stand back up without locking the knees. Ensure you keep the knees in line with the toes!

Another one of my favorite butt building exercises is known as the step-up. It's relatively easy and can be fun while listening to music to 'keep in step' so to speak. Step-ups really do work the glutes and the hamstrings. You can start using a low platform to get the hang of it and then slowly increase the height of the platform to really activate those muscle fibers. A reasonably challenging height is about fifteen inches high. Holding dumbbells will increase the intensity of the step-up.

Finally, cardio activity is excellent for the burning of any unwanted fat to the derriere. Among the best is the Stairmaster for the burn as well as building and toning. I always recommend checking with a certified fitness trainer on proper exercise techniques in order to maximize your results and safety. Follow these techniques and you're on your way to ringing in the New Year with a new booty in tow! ▼

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The Rainbow's Pot of Gold?

By Roy Heale

Whether you're looking for a retirement home, a vacation property, or simply a good real estate investment outside of Canada, the recent surge in the Canadian dollar on world currency markets is creating a sense of urgency to act now. In our 2007 *Outlooks'* Reader Survey many of you asked for this kind of investment information in addition to our regular travel stories and this is the first in a series of stories that will appear periodically in future issues of *Outlooks*. In that same survey our readers also voted Puerto Vallarta as their favorite destination in Mexico, so we thought it appropriate to begin there.

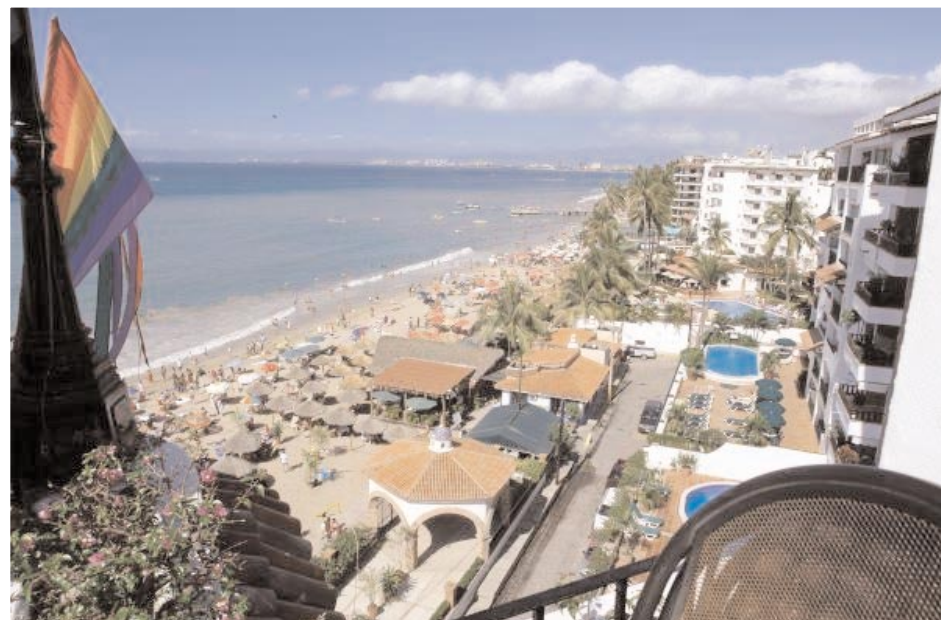


In seeking out the right kind of advice and information we met with Calgary real estate associate Rob Burla who has been providing services to home purchasers in Puerto Vallarta for quite some time. Although we couldn't cover every topic in one story, we asked some of the most obvious questions to which the first-time buyer in Mexico might want to know the answers. We hope you find this information useful in formulating your future plans.

Outlooks: All of a sudden it seems like everyone is talking about property investments in exotic locations like Costa Rica, Buenos Aires and of course Puerto Vallarta and although our dollar is at an all time high are there other reasons for this recent real estate activity?

Burla: Well I think it's like an accountant told me a couple of weeks ago, it's the perfect storm for Canadians. The strong dollar is making some people look at the United States, but many people are looking for resort property and locations where they don't have to fly through the States and endure the airport hassles there. That's why Puerto Vallarta is so

popular—you can fly there directly from most Canadian cities and it's not too long of a journey.



Outlooks: Many Canadians were investing in Puerto Vallarta about ten years ago and real estate prices have gone up since then, so is it too late now?

Burla: Well, if you purchased ten years ago you will have seen a significant increase in the value of your property. But still, if you look at the price of condos in Calgary at as much as \$500 per square foot and in Puerto Vallarta at \$200 per square foot or less, so it is still a good time to buy there. Especially with the changes in the Mexican government where they are really focusing on tourism and have declared the whole Puerto Vallarta bay area as Vallarta and that is their tourism zone that they are now promoting.

Outlooks: So if I am interested in property there can I work with a Canadian real estate agent?

Burla: Yes. Also, there's a Mexican Real Estate Guide that comes out every week in Puerto Vallarta and there is now a Mexican Real Estate Professionals' Association and you want to connect with someone who is a member of that association. I have joined forces with Tropicasa Realty for two reasons. Firstly, the owner, Wayne Franklin, is an American with over ten years' experience in real estate before moving to Mexico. Secondly, he is the past president of the Puerto Vallarta Real Estate Professionals' Association. If you're going to invest your money there, you want to work with a reputable company, somebody you will be able to trust, and who can provide all the back-up services you would expect from a realtor in your home town. For example, help with financing, finding an English-speaking lawyer, proper building inspections, local insurance, etc. I have signed a contract with them as their local agent here in the Alberta market. With the strong economy and even before the strong dollar, people were looking for a safe place to invest or plan for their retirement.

Outlooks: Now correct me if I am wrong, but I understand that as a non-resident when you make a purchase in Mexico you don't own the property but it is held in trust by the bank for you?

Burla: The Mexican law states that foreigners cannot own the land that the building sits on, whether it's a house or condo, if it's within fifty kilometres of the coast. There are two ways around that. One is to set up a Mexican corporation, which you can do as a Canadian, but you have to have a Mexican business partner—then you can own the land. If you don't want to do that, your other option is to go the route of using a trustee. The trustees are the banks and then you own the building but the bank holds the lease on the land called a Fidicomiso, which is a fifty-year renewable, transferable lease. The bank sets it up when you sign the legal documents and take title to your property in a document called Escritura, the formal deed. All the real estate transactions are executed through a notary public versus the lawyers we use here.

Outlooks: So is it an absolutely secure investment even though governments and laws might change in the future?

Burla: If it's all done properly through a notary public and through the correct legal process you're absolutely protected because it's registered with the Mexican ministry of land titles. It's important to deal with someone you can trust. Beware of purchasing directly from individuals without involving professionals to represent you.

Outlooks: So would all the legal documents be in Spanish and need translating for those who don't speak the language?

Burla: Good question. Years ago it was all in Spanish but now, because of so many foreigners going there to buy, they are translating some of the documents into English—not all of them—but you still want to deal with an agency that is totally bilingual, including lawyers and notary public on staff, to protect your interests. That's why I am with Tropicasa, as they have all these services in house.

Outlooks: So it is important that the local agency is fluently bilingual?

Burla: Yes. You can work with me here in Alberta and on your next trip to Puerto Vallarta there will be properties for you to look at that meet your requirements. There, you will be assisted by fluently bilingual staff.

Outlooks: So if I go there and see something I like, can I come home and complete the transaction from here?



Burla: No, if you buy property there you have to go there again to be there for the close of the deal.

After you make an offer on a property which is accepted by the vendor, it will take approximately forty-five days for the paperwork and legal work to be completed, set-up the trustee with the bank and then you have to sign the documentation in person and arrange for your money to be there to close the sale.

Outlooks: Can you arrange the mortgage in Canada or can that be done in Mexico too?

Burla: In the past, there was no local financing readily available to foreigners. The majority of people who have purchased in the past have paid in cash, perhaps with home equity loans on their property here or lines of credit. Now there are two primary mortgage lenders in Puerto Vallarta, both American companies who offer financing to Canadians. Some loans are in pesos, others are with American banks, but the financing rates are not as attractive as arranging your own funds

here in Canada. There it will cost you more in interest over the course of the loan.

Outlooks: Is it similar to Canada where before a condo is actually built you can purchase a unit at a favourable lower price?

Burla: Yes, absolutely. Pre-construction purchases generally exist and, depending on the size of the project, it can be anywhere from twelve months to two years before the building is completed. Builders there are similar to builders here where they will pre-sell and get their financing in place to continue on with the construction. The general rule is thirty per cent deposit, then ten equal payments between groundbreaking and move-in, usually about eighteen months. This makes the financing easier on your budget.

Outlooks: Are there the same choices between condominiums and single-family dwellings?

Burla: Yes. The choices run the whole gamut, the same as here. Apartments begin with studios and upwards and range in price at the low end from one hundred thousand to one hundred and fifty thousand right up to private villas in the million-dollar-plus range.

Outlooks: Is there much of a difference between Old Town and the new Vallarta?

Burla: In Old Town you get the quaint charm of old Mexico, cobbled streets etcetera and there are building height restrictions, plus the buildings tend to be older. There are new high rises being built up in the hills. But Old Town is the gay community where the action is—the restaurants, the nightlife and the gay community. Nuevo Vallarta, closer to the airport, is all new construction, generally high rises, some villas around the golf course, but more the Americanised new construction and more straight families buying in.

Outlooks: Is it easy to rent out your property to other vacationers when you are not occupying it yourself?

Burla: A lot of the real estate companies also have divisions that handle rental



properties. There are also independent property management companies. Both will handle your property from the point of upkeep, paying the bills on your behalf, arranging for maid service, cleaning in between rentals, reporting back to you for damage or repairs required and they will charge a fee depending on the level of service anywhere from ten to forty per cent of rentals collected. Generally, it is about twenty percent.

Outlooks: Why invest in Puerto Vallarta versus some of the other possible resort locations?

Burla: It's an established and stable environment. It's established as a tourist destination so you have infrastructure there already in terms of shopping and services. You have a stable government compared to some other countries, as well as proximity to Canada and convenient flight schedules with lots of direct flights. More people are familiar with Mexico and travel there for vacations. Plus, there's a lot of experience with the number of Canadians and Americans who already own property there or businesses. There's also a good health care system with good doctors and hospitals. The surrounding countryside is beautiful and full of old Mexican traditions. And of course, the great weather!

Outlooks: Do you need to speak Spanish?

Burla: You don't need to because many people down there are now bilingual. But it sure helps! I tell people if you're thinking about buying, go and learn some Spanish so you can get along with the locals and not to forget that it's their country. If you want to blend in, protect your investment and be a part of the community then go and learn some Spanish. Remember you're a guest in their country.

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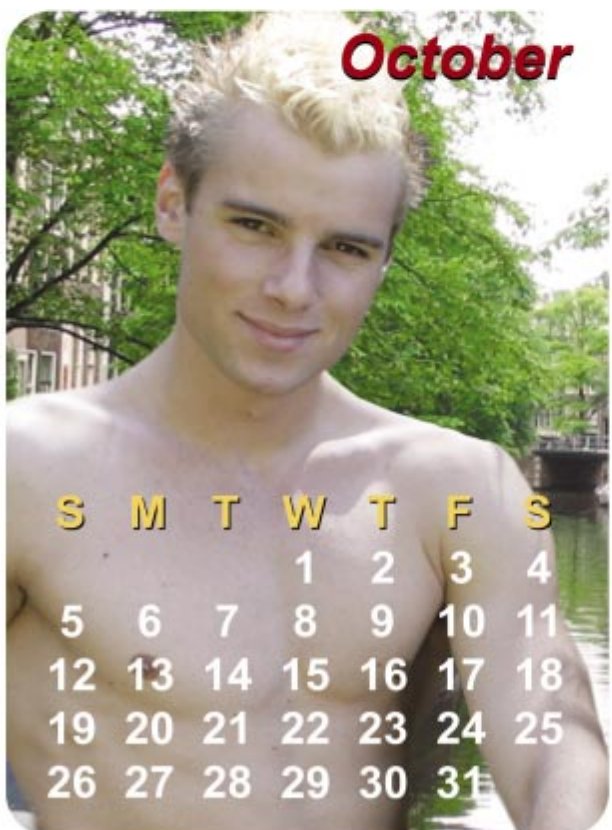
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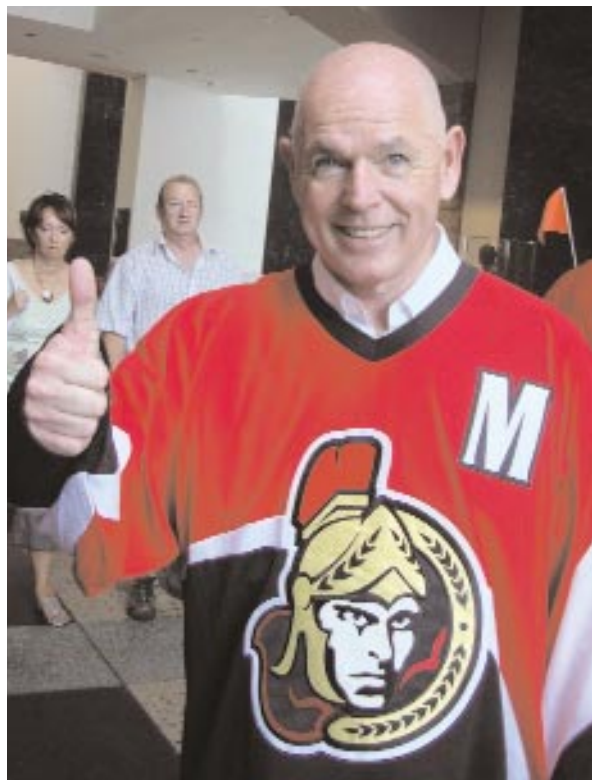


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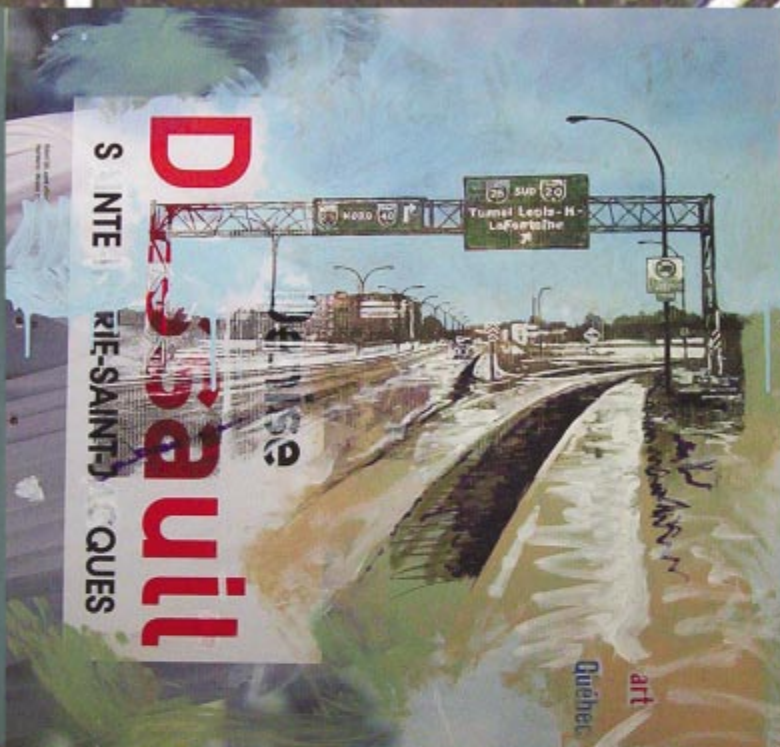
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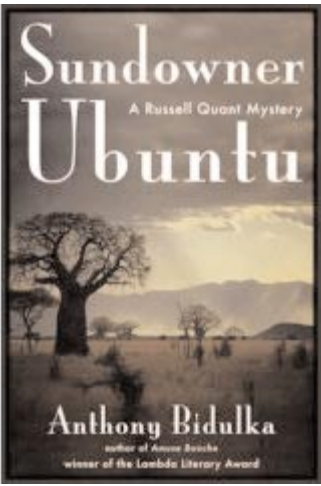
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Sundowner Ubuntu
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By Dale Smith

Saskatchewan author Anthony Bidulka brings us back to the world of Saskatoon’s private investigator, Russell Quant, for another tale of intrigue, danger, international travel and culinary titbits.

Eight months after his last adventure—and eight months into his new relationship with Alex Canyon—Russell is hired by a woman named Clara Ridge to find her estranged son Matthew, whom she hasn’t seen in nearly twenty years. Back then, Matthew had been in some trouble, and was kicked out of home shortly before being taken to reform school—the last time Clara had seen or heard from him. With a hefty retainer in hand, Russell is on the case. From Saskatoon to Estevan, near the American border, and from there to Cape Town, South Africa, Russell follows Matthew’s trail, with someone already trying to warn him away, and leaving one brutalised source in his wake.

Things only get more interesting in South Africa, picking up the trail through the shanty-town slums outside of the city, and the game reserves near Botswana, Russell’s pursuit of Matthew gets increasingly harrowing as it becomes very clear that someone doesn’t want Matthew to be found, and they will go to any length to keep Russell from reaching his goal.

Bidulka continues to gain strength as a writer, and with his mastery of the English

language. Bidulka’s ability to inhabit Russell Quant’s skin, to tell the story through those eyes and quirky observations, is a treat for any reader. As well, his more decadent passions of travel, fine wines and cuisine are woven into the narrative in an organic fashion that a lesser writer would have had difficulty with.

As for the mystery plot, Bidulka has been able to build the suspense and throw out just enough red herrings to keep the reader—and Russell—guessing just what is going on. He also keeps the danger and action sequences choreographed in such a way as to keep you from putting the book down, while managing to keep the suspension of disbelief in check.

If there is one failing in *Sundowner Ubuntu* it is in a few of the passages in which Russell talks about Africa. While encountering some of the local fare and the wildlife in the game parks, there is an unfortunate tendency for some of the descriptions to be instructive. While I would attribute this to the sort of enthusiasm of trying to pack the narrative with as much about South Africa as possible without trying to bog it down, it didn’t necessarily achieve that goal.

Overall, *Sundowner Ubuntu* is an enjoyable read that keeps you hooked. Bidulka’s continual development of the many other bit-players is Russell’s world makes each trip like coming home to familiar faces. Given that Bidulka has said that this will be Russell Quant’s last outing for the time being while he turns his attention to other projects, he can rest assured that he is leaving readers on a strong note, and that his eventual return to the series will be warmly received. ▼

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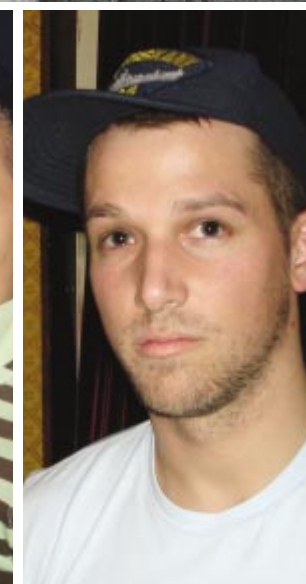
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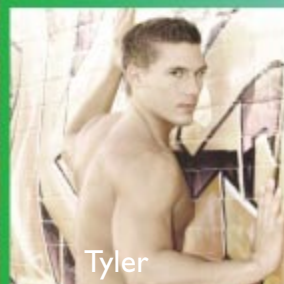
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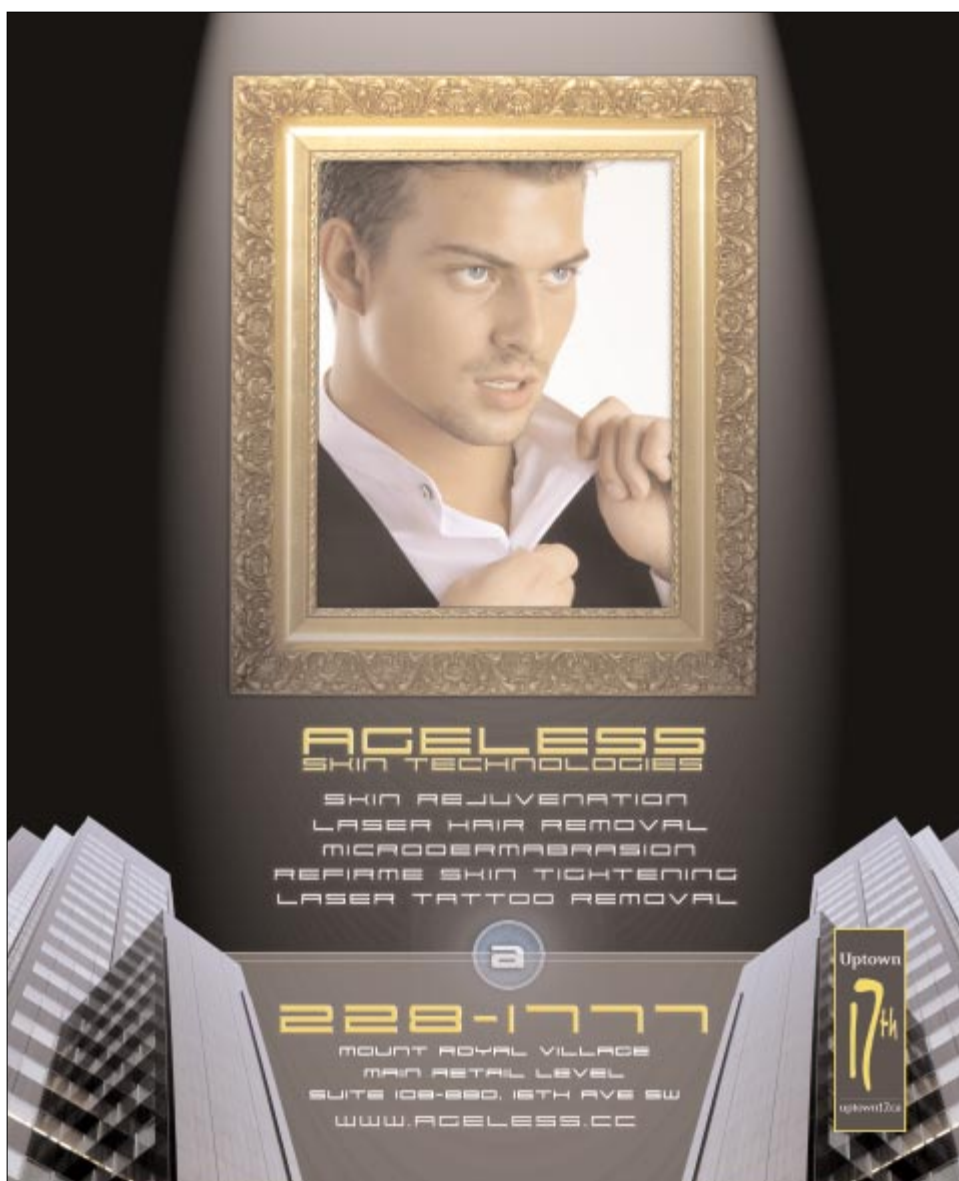
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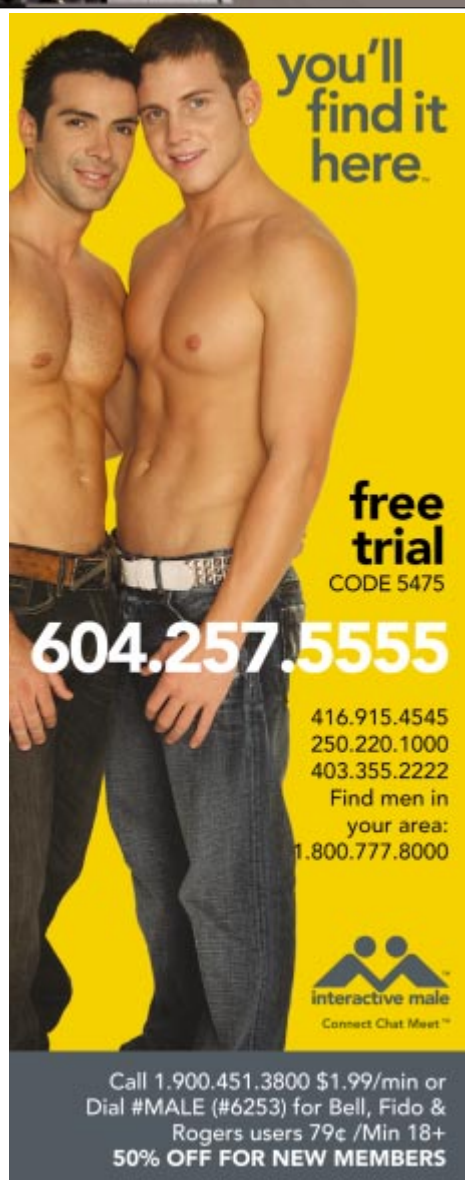
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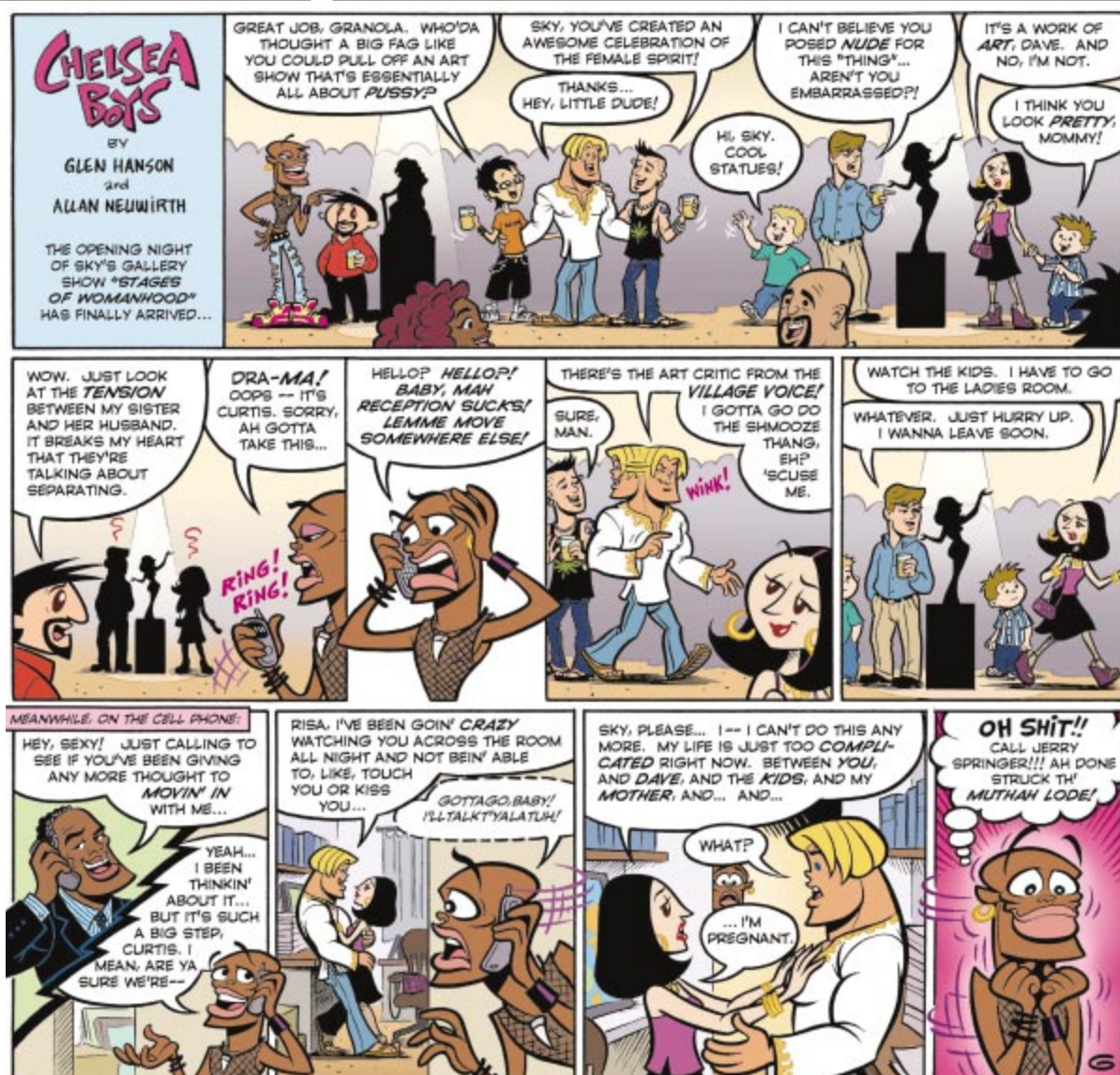
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I THINK YOU LOOK PRETTY, MOMMY!

HI, SKY. COOL STATUES!

WOW. JUST LOOK AT THE TENSION BETWEEN MY SISTER AND HER HUSBAND. IT BREAKS MY HEART THAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT SEPARATING.

DRA-MA! OOPS -- IT'S CURTIS. SORRY, AH GOTTA TAKE THIS...

HELLO! HELLO! BABY, MAH RECEPTION SUCKS! LEMME MOVE SOMEWHERE ELSE!

THERE'S THE ART CRITIC FROM THE VILLAGE VOICE! I GOTTA GO DO THE SHMOOZE THANG, EHP 'SCUSE ME.

WATCH THE KIDS. I HAVE TO GO TO THE LADIES ROOM.

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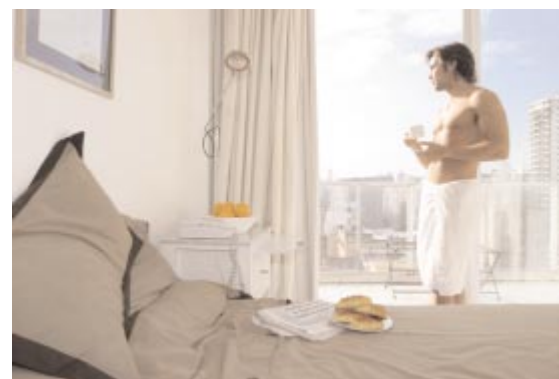
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By Roy Heale



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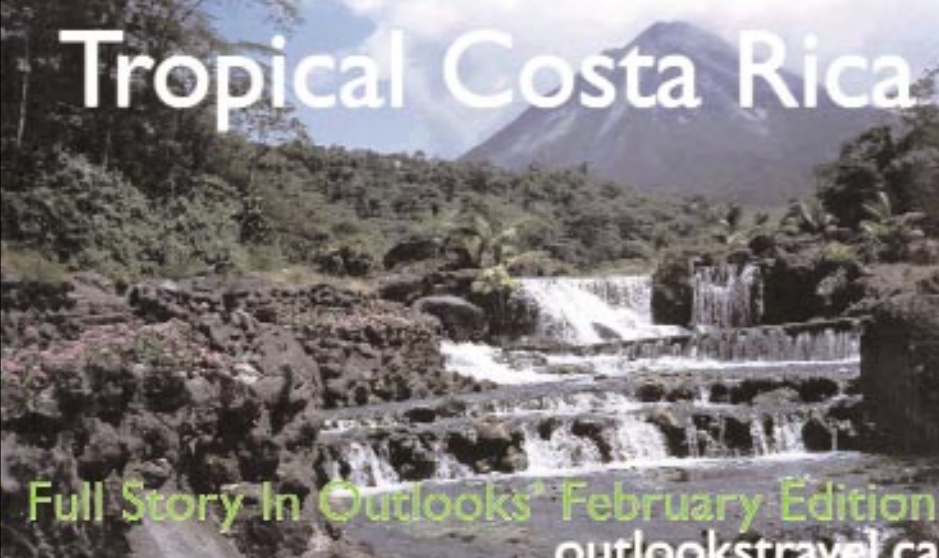
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ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

2008 will bring massive personal change and perhaps even a great career opportunity. How can you harness and direct this grand limo ride, proud Ram? Focus ... and focus some more. Then let it rip. There will be no stopping you once you set your course of action. Of course, sometimes just getting going takes some get up and go. There is plenty of time to be lazy in retirement.

TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Are you in a funk? Don't spend too much time warming your couch cushion queer Bull. This is the time to expand your world view any way you can—plan extensive travel, expand to a new course of study, pick up an unusual hobby or even cruise a new social scene. Life is passing you by. Bite the apple, peel the banana, inspire your taste buds.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Most of 2008 can be spent greasing your assorted wheels. Not only can you attract the pick of the litter, you can also manage to get into some pretty feisty trash. Which dumpster will you dive into for your jollies in 2008, sexy pink Twin? Try to be choosy and think about future happiness rather than a current jolt. Sparks fly with a quick match but go for the slow ember.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

You'll spend much of your time in 2008 examining, improving, seeking or settling in relationships of all sorts. Connection will be key whether in business or pleasure, gay Crab, so don't crawl into your shell and wait for someone to knock. The interesting thing is that current seemingly solid relationships can change dramatically. When to hold and when to fold is the question.

LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

As much as you yearn to dump your responsibilities and be the ultimate free spirit in 2008, it seems that at least planetarily, all roads will lead to some form of work. Oh goody. Proud Lions may be swamped in detail, responsibilities and tiny tasks that can sap your energy—if you allow. The karmic lesson that you need to learn is graceful balance. Or maybe just balance.

VIRGO (AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 23)

Shy, restrained queer Virgins will have a rollicking 2008, whether they want to or not! The planets conspire to bring the good times to your door if you refuse to venture out. So enjoy your time as a party magnet and use it to expand your idea of creativity and fun. Who knew that food painting on pets could be so inspiring? Certainly not me!

LIBRA (SEPTEMBER 24 - OCTOBER 23)

Family patterns need to be changed and you are the one to do it, proud Libra. Not only does 2008 require more of your attention to home and hearth, it may also require you to dredge up family issues that need to be dealt with once and for all. Expect some stress before the calm but it will all be for the best. If you are looking to move, this is the year to pack and haul.

SCORPIO (OCTOBER 24 - NOVEMBER 22)

As politic as you are, 2008 will bring you ample opportunity to express your opinion and make a few waves. Gay Scorps will call 'em as they see 'em, much to the consternation of others. But why not try to pour a little sugar on your more acid comments? If you have absolutely nothing nice to say, hire a good public relations firm. Ahem.

SAGITTARIUS (NOVEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 22)

2008 can upend your money situation. Gay Archers never seem to budget and are even less interested in managing finances for their future security. This can go on only so long. The time is now for a careful consideration of your portfolio, your career path and your overall fiscal health. Keep your eye on the bottom line in all major (and minor) purchases or marry wealthy.

CAPRICORN (DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 20)

Not only will you capture the attention of the general rabble in 2008, you can use your new found notoriety to plant a few new pet projects so they can grow and build. Pink Caps can be very ambitious but might prefer to work their magic behind the scenes. This year there will be no hiding in the shadows. Get ready for your close-up and smile!

AQUARIUS (JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 19)

Give your intuition room to roam in 2008. Aqueerians can capture the moment and take any tiny, behind the scenes opportunity to new heights of importance. Pick your moments wisely. There will be almost too many temptations through the year. It would be a shame to aim for Tahiti only to find yourself in Toledo. Then again....

PISCES (FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 20)

Guppies may become a social force all through 2008—and why not? Expand and gather up all the interesting people that you know and milk the scene. Not only will you be especially charming and fun, you'll also be the one with the ample resources and creativity to turn any minor soirée into an international gala. Or at least that is what the paparazzi think.

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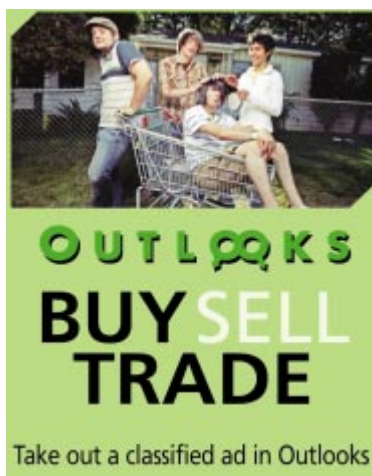
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Featuring: Nelson Keys, Marcel Schlutt, Ralf Steel, Mike Power, Mats Riem, Marko Isac, Fred Faurtin, Gil Nemo, David Parik, Tom Mane, Chris Holland, Erik Lenn, Daniel Mitic

Running Time: 90 minutes

A very handsome and young new prisoner, Marcel, arrives at the jailhouse uncertain of what lies ahead. Upon arrival, he is forced to strip down and hand in his street clothes in exchange for his prison overalls. The overbearing prison guard cannot take his eyes off Marcel as each piece of his clothing is removed including his bright red tight underwear. The guard gives Marcel a physical inspection including a cavity search for drugs. This search is obviously the guard's pleasure of the day. Slowly, Marcel realises what's in store for him in these digs he will have to call home for a while.

Marcel and another inmate, Kevin, are the youngest prisoners and, of course, there is an evil gang of older jailbirds. Marcel learns the hard way that there is a pecking order in jail and that Kevin is at the bottom of the ranks. Kevin is the subject of much humiliation by the brutes and even though he tries, Marcel cannot stop this torment as the gang rules their cellblock.

At night the prisoners are alone in their cells—except for a couple of inmates who are lucky enough to share a cell. These two muscular, tattooed and pierced studs take full advantage of their companionship grunting and groaning during their wild animal sex acts while the guys in their solitary cells

have to tolerate their frustrations alone.

One day during yard exercise, Marcel makes eye contact with Mike, a black inmate from the next cell block, and they head off to Mike's small cell for some action behind closed doors. But unknown to them, one of the guards is watching through a peephole. Suddenly, the siren sounding for a lockdown, forcing all the prisoners to return to their respective small closets, interrupts their passion.

That night, two of the guards decide that Marcel needs his initiation and they remove him from his cell for a short trip to their office where Marcel becomes their bitch. But Marcel is smart enough to follow their demands, submit to their forceful actions and penetrations to avoid any reprisals later on. These guards have big nightsticks and Marcel proves he is a man and can take his punishment in stride.

However, Mike and Marcel persevere—amidst the tough action of the guards and prison gangs—as their friendship blossoms into a relationship which makes their jail sentence a little more tolerable.

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RATING:

(OUT OF FIVE STARS)

MUSIC: ★★★★★
BODIES: ★★★★★
ACTION: ★★★★★
SETS: ★★★★★
STORY: ★★★★★

LEGIONBOY

From: Eurocreme -Dreamboy



Featuring: Bradley Roberts, Jordan Lewis, Greg David, Marco Parelli, Kallum Ash, Troy Bolton, Steven Prior, Brice Farmer, Jeremy Delaube, Charles Webber

Running Time: 115 minutes

A young man, Bradley, is exploring his sexual desires with his good friend Jordan on his living room couch when his father comes home by surprise and throws him out of the house because he's gay. With no means of support, Bradley decides the only solution is to join the French Foreign Legion in order to support himself. Upon arrival, he discovers the Legion has more things going for it than Bradley thought—as he finds it's the perfect place to explore his sexuality, full of the hottest young men from all across Europe.

Bradley soon realises that he is not the only gay man in the Legion and the other horny young recruits are enjoying sex in the French countryside. Damien and Jeremy get hot for one another and are in the woods, naked, playing with each other until they both enjoy the ultimate relaxation of a climax.

When the new recruits arrive, the drill Sergeant can't wait to see how well they perform. After a hard training session, new recruits Johan and Marco need to release all that built-up tension and great sex in the meadow is the perfect way to relax. These well-defined soldiers explore each other's bodies until both have full erections. Just at that moment the Sergeant walks past and makes the

most of the free show. Johan teases Marco with his manhood making both Marco and the Sergeant shiver uncontrollably. The horniness of this scene is unbelievable, and when Marco climaxes, the Sergeant joins in the hot action and his absolutely huge organ explodes.

Next is a midnight threesome when huge hung Steven Prior and super sexy Brice Farmer wake up, both with raging hard-ons and decide the best way to get them down is by having some late-night dormitory sex. Bradley is woken up but doesn't mind because of the hot action he is witnessing. Bradley soon joins the late night workout and this threesome is perfection in motion.

With a total of seven scenes and wonderful direction from Simon Booth, this is probably a movie for your permanent collection that you'll want to see time and again during the winter months—to enjoy a breath of summer!

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